sector undertakings of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

The posts of Director (Finance) of Fertilizer Corporation of India and National Fertilizers Limited fell vacant on 5.4.1995 and 16.3.1995 respectively for which interviews have been held by the PESB.

The posts of CMD, and Director (Finance) of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (RCF) fell vacant on 20.12.1995 and 17.4.1994 respectively. The selection process for the post of the CMD, RCF is at the final stages. A proposal has been made for upgrading the post of Director (Finance) in RCF to Schedule 'B' scale from schedule 'C' scale after which further action will be initiated for filling up of the post.

The process of selection for the post of Managing Director, Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited (SSPL) which fell vacant on 28.2.1995 is in the final stages.

The posts of Director (Finance) in Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL); Director (Marketing) and Director (Technical) in Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL) fell vacant on 30.6.95, 12.6.95 and 31.7.95 respectively. Action for filling up these posts has already been initiated.

The process of selection for the post of Director (Marketing) in Hindustan Insecticides Limited which fell vacant in December, 1993 is in the final stages.

The post of Director (R&D) in Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) fell vacant on 1.4.94. Action has been initiated to fill up the post.

All efforts are being made to ensure filling up of the posts as soon as possible. In the meantime it has been ensured that the functioning of the undertakings does not suffer on account of the vacanices by making alternative arrangements, wherever necessary.

Consumption of Fertilizer in U.P.

730. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per hectare consumption of fertilizer in U.P. during the last two years;

(b) whether Government propose to provide any special assistance to the farmers for the proper usage of fertilizers during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The estimated per hectare fertiliser consumption in Uttar Pradesh during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is 88.75 and 99.27 kg. nutrients respectively.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to provide any special assistance to Uttar Pradesh for proper usage of fertilisers. However, under the continuing schemes, which are given below, Central assistance will be available to Uttar Pradesh alongwith other States to strengthen plant nutrient use:—

(i) Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilisers.

(ii) National Project on Development of Fertiliser Use in Low Consumption and Rainfed Areas.